

ISSUE #9

Tuesday, October 6



MMCONLINE

CONNECTING GRIFFINS, NO MATTER THE DISTANCE



FEATURING
Virtual and On-Campus Events
A Big "Congratulations"
#2020Election ...and more!

EVENTS

OCTOBER 7

A Conversation with CNN's Zain Asher (10:15 am)

Join CNN Anchor Zain Asher for a virtual conversation about her life, career, and reporting as a journalist in the 21st century.

*Free: Email ltropp@mmm.edu or tserafin@mmm.edu to RSVP

OCTOBER 7

VP Debate Watch Party (9 pm)

Grab some popcorn and join your peers (virtually) as Sen. Kamala Harris and VP Mike Pence debate for the 2020 election.

*Free: Join via Zoom [here](#)



OCTOBER 8

One Night Only: A Faculty Reading (7 pm)

For our writers, storytellers, and beyond! Hear members of our esteemed Creative Writing faculty in a virtual reading.

*Free: Join via Zoom [here](#)

OCTOBER 8

Bro-Ritos Food Truck (noon-2 pm)

Who doesn't love free burritos? Register in advance on [MMC Engage](#) for this awesome perk as we continue celebrating Latinx Heritage Month!

*Free: In front of Carson Hall

GOODBYE SEPTEMBER, HELLO OCTOBER

We told you it would fly by!

And just like that, we are a month into our fall semester. We've united as Griffins to navigate our "new normal" and, though not always easy, we continue to persevere each day.

MMC's Virtual Classes/Open Campus model is working and COVID-19 cases remain low throughout our community—all thanks to your hard work.

Students, faculty, staff, and parents are being incredibly proactive in their communication and as a result we see our policies and protocols successfully serving Marymount Manhattan College.

So in that same spirit of staying healthy, Issue #9 is packed with fun virtual events (some in-person, too!). Plus, we distill a bunch of useful information about the latest happenings at MMC, so that you have everything in one place.

The cherry on top? We are celebrating a very special person on an exciting new role (keep reading to find out who!)

Thank you all for continuing to do your part during a time of uncertainty. It's what sets us apart from the rest.



**Book clubs...
Burrito trucks...
Need we say more?
Click [here](#) for more Latinx
Heritage Month Festivities!**

A BIG 'THANK YOU'

You've taken COVID-19 seriously—and it shows.

LET'S KEEP LAYING LOW

We'd love to plan our next road trip, but staying local and avoiding travel are simple steps we can take to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19.

We completely understand the itch to take off, but don't forget, there are plenty of fun things to do locally despite our current circumstances. In Issue #7, we highlighted a number of exciting things happening in person and virtually. Take a look [here!](#)

SUBTRACT THE SHAME

As if it isn't stressful enough getting sick, there is often a stigma attached to it.

In order to continue operating successfully under our [Virtual Classes/Open Campus model](#), communication is key.

If you suspect you might have COVID-19, or receive a positive diagnosis, **please do not be ashamed.**

Refresh yourself on [COVID-19 symptoms here](#) and ALWAYS reach out to safety@mmm.edu immediately if you think you might have it.

If you know someone who has COVID-19 or is experiencing similar symptoms, **please do not shame them or pass judgement.**

The health and safety of our community is our top priority—and your transparency is key. We are all in this together!

COUNSELING & WELLNESS CENTER

Open: M–F, 9 am–5 pm

Free tele-mental health appointments, wellness programs, video sessions, online resources, and more!

 212-774-0700  COUNSELING@MMM.EDU

EVENTS (CONT.)

OCTOBER 12
Fall Holiday (College Closed)

OCTOBER 15
Presidential Debate Watch Party
Watch the 2nd presidential debate
with your peers!
Free: Join via Zoom [here](#)

OCTOBER 16-18
Homecoming & Family Weekend

Flu vaccines are here
at MMC!



Available at Dow Zanghi Student Health Center for \$25 cash.

Receipts will be given to submit to insurance.

Call (212) 759-5870 or email healthcenter@mmm.edu to schedule an appointment: Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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COVID-19
DASHBOARD



ON THE FRONT LINES

Keeping MMC Safe & Healthy



This sophomore is part of the team keeping MMC protected during a global pandemic.

Pre-COVID, Julissa Torres '23 enjoyed taking drop-in classes at Broadway Dance Center and experimenting with film photography. These days, the Dance and Biomedical Science double-major spends her spare time in an entirely new way—Torres is one of Marymount Manhattan College's highly-regarded Social Distancing Ambassadors on the front lines of a global pandemic.

"We would not be here if we did not care for the overall safety of our community," she says.

While Marymount's fall semester is being taught almost completely online, students are still able to visit campus to study, utilize studio spaces, and more. Not too fast though—you'll have to get past Torres, or one of her counterparts, first.

From temperature checks upon entering the building to ensuring that every visitor has completed a Daily Health Screening, Torres is responsible for keeping our community healthy and compliant through extensive safety procedures outlined by the College.

Thanks to students like her, Marymount Manhattan College has done an excellent job of troubleshooting COVID-related safety concerns. But with flu season approaching, and a resurgence of COVID cases anticipated, Torres errs on the side of caution.

"Social distancing is extremely important and being best friends doesn't change that," she says. "Be extremely careful and aware when you come into contact with someone and thoroughly wash your hands."

To learn more about Marymount Manhattan College's Health and Safety Guidelines, [click here.](#)

IN CAMPUS NEWS...

Stay in the know!



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, MEET MICHAEL SALMON, M.SC.

PRESIDENT WALK APPOINTS MMC'S ESTEEMED MICHAEL SALMON TO AN EXCITING NEW ROLE

Wise advisor, charismatic ambassador, strategic partner—Michael Salmon has been appointed as Marymount Manhattan College's Assistant Vice President/Dean of Academic Excellence and Senior Advisor to the President.

In his new role, Salmon advises MMC President Kerry Walk, Ph.D. on the strategic direction of the College, serves as Ambassador to a wide variety of internal and external constituencies, and partners with the leadership of Academic Affairs, Student Success and Engagement, and Institutional Advancement.

Having joined MMC in 1993 as a part-time Economics professor, Michael has brought inspiration to students, faculty, staff, families, and alumni for over two and a half decades.

Please join us in congratulating Michael!



[Read about Michael's fascinating life and career here.](#)



GRIFFINS GIVE

A Day of Giving at MMC | 10.8.20



Want to make a difference, but don't know where to start? **October 8** is Griffins Give Day—our annual day of giving. Your contributions, big or small, have a long-lasting impact on the lives of all MMC students. Imagine helping a student in need with groceries, digital textbooks, tuition/fees, and more.

Donate now!



"I give back to MMC because it's part of my story and personal brand. Strengthening our College by providing for current and future students helps all of us."

Mike Burt '11



CLICK HERE
FOR MMC'S
FULL EVENTS
CALENDAR

VIRTUAL TUTORING

NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP?

The Center for Academic Support and Tutoring (CAST) is live and is being conducted 100% virtually this semester.

Hours: Mondays–Thursdays 11 am–2 pm
Fridays noon–2 pm

Questions? Email cast@mmm.edu.

REACHING OUT

No matter how far you are from East 71st Street, we're still here for you!

Office Hours are 9–5 pm EST

ADVISEMENT

Changes to fall schedules, advising

212-517-0568
advisement@mmm.edu

CAREER SERVICES

Support on resumes, internships, or the job search

212-517-0599
careerservices@mmm.edu

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND TUTORING (CAST)

Remote tutoring options

cast@mmm.edu
Make an appointment:
<https://mmm.mywconline.com>

CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Questions on financial aid, scholarships, payments, etc.:

212-517-0500
CSS@mmm.edu
FinancialAid@mmm.edu
StudentAccounts@mmm.edu

IT HELP DESK

Assistance with technology or email issues

212-517-0580
usersupport@mmm.edu

COUNSELING & WELLNESS CENTER

Counseling and mental health resources and support

Counseling@mmm.edu

#2020ELECTION

Q&A with Erin O'Connor, Ph.D.



Erin O'Connor, Ph.D. is MMC's Associate Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Politics and Human Rights. With the #2020Election just two months away, Erin (and team!) organized a virtual Debate Watch Party series for students and faculty. Join the fun on October 7 [using this Zoom link.](#)

What inspired you to launch this virtual Debate Watch Party series?

As the Departments of Politics and Human Rights & International Studies, the investigation and explanation of policy, social justice, and human rights is our charge as well as advocacy toward greater equality and inclusivity. We launched the virtual Debate Watch Party series as part of our SocSci (social science) PHR/IS Event Series to critically observe political positioning regarding these issues LIVE.

What can students expect by joining these Zoom events? Will they be able to talk to each other during commercials, etc.?

One great thing about hosting the Watch Party via Zoom is that all participants can "talk" throughout the debate via the Chat Box. We did this when we screened the documentary *13th* and rendered what could have been just passive watching into active, collaborative engagement. Sometimes funny, sometimes serious, always critical.

What is your goal for this event series? Anything you hope students take away?

The topic of the PHR/IS Fall Event Series is racial justice. The Debate Watch Party Series is one piece of that puzzle, which ultimately seeks to dismantle systems of racial injustice. We aim high in PHR/IS and believe that every bit of social justice birthed—even if it's in the mind of one person—makes an impact. After participating in the Debate Watch Party Series, we will all have gained knowledge of the issues at hand, how they are being manipulated in party politics, presented by the media, and thereby have become better voters and citizens.

[CLICK HERE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES.](#)

IT'S LGBTQ* HISTORY MONTH!

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer / Questioning

IN 1994...

Rodney Wilson, a high school teacher in Missouri, founded and designated October as LGBTQ History Month. Now in its sixteenth year, LGBTQ History Month highlights icons and pioneers of the modern movement. View a list of queer BIPOC trailblazers [here](#).

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THERE ARE DOZENS...

of [LGBTQ+ Resources](#) available to MMC students in NYC (and beyond). This document will be updated throughout the month—be sure to check back for more!

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY...

was inaugurated in 1988 and is observed each year on October 11. Celebrate [here](#).

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THIS MONTH...

provides role models, builds community, and is an important civil rights statement on the contributions of LGBTQ people throughout history. *Click [here](#) for sourcing/to learn more.

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